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Mama Bears to close brick-and-mortar storefront



Main Street boutique, Mama Bears, owned and operated by partners Jean Hornes and Tami Thoma, has announced it will be closing its brick-and-mortar store by the year's end.

The shop has been in operation for two years.

"2025 brings the opportunity to evaluate the future," Thoma and Hornes shared in a public statement. "After many months, weeks, and hours of careful discussions, we have decided to take our Mama Bears business in a different direction. One that fulfills both our passion for the business, and the flexibility to plan and enjoy a little more time with family and friends. It was a very difficult decision, but we have decided to vacate the brick and mortar at 118 E. Main."

The two indicate that they do not plan to dissolve the business, but move it in a different direction after taking the winter months off.

For the immediate future, the store



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Mama Bears Boutique will close its storefront location by the year's end.

will operate as usual, with new merchandise arrivals, sales and more.

New hours of operation are Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:30

a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Pink Friday shopping day looks to support local, small businesses

The Winneconne Area Chamber of Commerce is spearheading its second annual Pink Friday event here in the village set for Friday, Nov. 22—and boutique shoppers are already getting their bargain hunting shoes on as the excitement builds!

Pink Friday is a special day created to remind people to "shop small first"—before Black Friday and the big box stores take over. It promotes shopping early and locally, offering a small busi-

ness spin on the traditional Black Friday shopping experience.



New this year, the chamber will be creating a map showing all participating businesses, along with their hours

of operation. Stores are encouraged to stay open until at least 7 p.m. that day.

The event will also feature a shopping punch card highlighting participating businesses for shoppers to collect punches at. When shoppers fill their cards, they can be turned in at the Chamber's office for entrance into a special gift drawing. A drop box will be available, with a Chamber member onsite from 3 to 7 p.m. on the day of the event. The Chamber office is locat-

ed at 140 W. Main Street inside "The Office". A live drawing will take place at 7:30 p.m. — with several baskets up for grabs!

For more information and to get involved with this fun, local shopping extravaganza, email questions to events@winneconne.org or contact Cindy Herbert at 920-420-1136 and THINK PINK!

School district holds annual meeting, sets 2024-25 annual budget and property tax levy



Last week the Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) held its Annual Meeting—the meeting at which residents of the district may move to, and vote on, district business

such as approving the annual district budget, set the tax levy, and more.

Following the presentation of the annual report, prepared by Monika Knapp, CPA and Director of Business Services for WCSD, those in attendance at the meeting voted to approve the proposed 2024-25 Total Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$11,703,180 made up of \$9,669,793 for the district's general fund, and \$2,033,387 for debt retirement.

Knapp indicated at the meeting the district's mill rate decreased from 2023 by .84 for a final mill rate of 5.74 (last year it was 6.58). This was mainly due to declining enrollment (which 75% of the school districts across the state are experiencing) and an increase in

assessed property values by 12% averaged over the 11 municipalities within the district. The district's general fund is supported 45% locally, 41% state, 14% other, and 1% federally for 2024-25 operations.

Accounting for budget projections in terms of district expenses, breakdown is as follows: salaries (47.99%), benefits (17.82%), purchased services (17.15%), transfers (10.84%), supplies (3.43%), equipment (.76%), insurance (1.02%), debt retirement (0.51%) and dues and fees (0.41%).

Key items Knapp highlighted included the total dollar amount WCSD can receive for each student based on state aid and the local tax levy—a revenue limit intended to control proper-

ty taxes. WCSD's per pupil amount is currently set at \$11,325. Last year the district saw an increase from \$10,000 to \$11,000 with an additional \$325 for this school year.

For fiscal year 2024 the district anticipated a surplus of \$36,589, but ended with a surplus of \$77,769. This includes a contribution of \$150,000 to Fund 46 for future capital expansion projects. For the 2025 fiscal year, there is a projected deficit of \$-251,283. Knapp indicated, "I do budget very conservatively, however, and this is a tight budget. I pray that we have a mild winter, as that affects a lot of things."

For the current school year, the

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Winneconne Veterans Day ceremony

Winneconne Middle School will present its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11. The ceremony will take place in the Winneconne Community Arts Center and begins at 10:30 a.m. The entire community is encouraged and invited to attend.

The Giles-Luce American Legion Post will present the colors. There will be patriotic performances by the middle school choir and middle school pep band, along with patriotic readings and poems to make for a moving

event.

Army Combat Veteran Josh Janikowski, a current village board member for Winneconne, will be the guest speaker for the program.

At the conclusion of the program, veterans and families of veterans are encouraged to stay and join the middle school students in the middle school commons for lunch.

Please join the students and community in this special salute to our veterans!



Veterans' Day breakfast offered at American Legion



There will be a free Veterans' Day Breakfast hosted at the Winneconne American Legion Post on Saturday, Nov. 9. Pancakes and sausage will be served to all veterans and members of the Winneconne Ladies Auxiliary from 6 a.m. to noon or until all gone.

Others will be charged \$5.

As an added treat, the local Girl Scouts will be offering free cupcakes, and a gun raffle will be held at 11 a.m.

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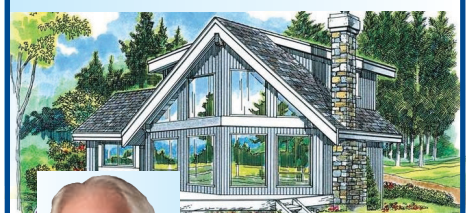
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Runoff concerns delay Vinland solar project



OneEnergy Renewables

A solar project in Middleton constructed in 2019 is similar in size to a facility proposed in Vinland.

**By Bethanie Gengler
Neenah News**

Approval of a permit for a solar project on 30 acres in the town of Vinland that would produce enough electricity to power 1,400 households annually has been delayed until at least December after an angry neighbor spoke out about the potential for runoff from the solar panels impacting his property.

OneEnergy Renewables is in the process of developing a 6-megawatt ground-mounted solar electric generating facility south of County GG in Vinland that will tie into the existing distribution system and serve local customers of WE Energies.

The project will generate 12,000,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year, equivalent to taking 1,600 cars off the road.

OneEnergy is a solar development

company that constructs and maintains solar projects and either sells the project to a utility or sells the power generated to utilities through long-term purchase agreements. The company has constructed about 35 solar projects throughout the United States, including 22 in Wisconsin.

The location of the proposed solar site is a 47-acre parcel of which the property owner has agreed to lease 30 acres for solar and use the remaining 17 acres for farming. The lease has a 30-year initial term with an option to extend for two 10-year periods, giving the project a 50-year lifespan.

The solar panels are made of non-toxic materials, do not produce a glare and don't produce a sound audible at the perimeter of the project, according to OneEnergy. At their highest point, the panels are 8 feet above ground and

set back a minimum of 20 feet from the perimeter fence.

The site will combine solar electric generation with a vegetation maintenance plan. OneEnergy will either plant it with a pasture mix and find a farmer with sheep to graze the site, or will use a pollinator mix and try to find a local beekeeper to host an apiary there.

The solar panels have technology that allows them to track the sun and tilt as it shifts from east to west throughout the day. The panel edge closest to the ground changes position as the trackers move, spreading runoff over a wider area.

If OneEnergy obtains approval for

the project, work would begin next spring and take 4-6 months, with 30 people employed during the height of construction.

The Vinland Plan Commission held a meeting Monday and was expected to make a recommendation to the Town Board on a conditional use permit so OneEnergy can move forward with its plans.

Jerry Kleinschmit, who owns a field adjacent to the proposed solar project, repeatedly urged the commission to recommend denial of the permit, stating there are no ditches and his farm doesn't have a drain tile system to mitigate water.

Once rainwater and other runoff

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Town of Winneconne to see new mobile service support structure in 2025

Becky LaDue

At the most recent meeting of the Town of Winneconne Board of Supervisors, a new 155' mobile support tower was approved for placement on the property of Michael Pamer and Jennifer Stueck, located at 6619 County Road M.

The board voted 3-2 (Peterson, Kock and Van Gompel ayes; Burghart and Lang, nays) to approve the conditional use permit for the structure's erection, but the tower would have gone forward regardless of board approval, as the installation company—The Towers LLC out of Oakbrook Terrace, IL—met all required state and federal conditions for placement, superseding town jurisdiction.

The tower will be situated on a 100'x100' leased area, plus a 30' wide access and utility easement with a 50'x50' fenced compound to house the tower. The tower has the capability

of withstanding wind speeds of 106 mph with no ice and 50 mph + 1.5" of ice. It will start as a Verizon carrier but has the capability of supporting two additional carriers.

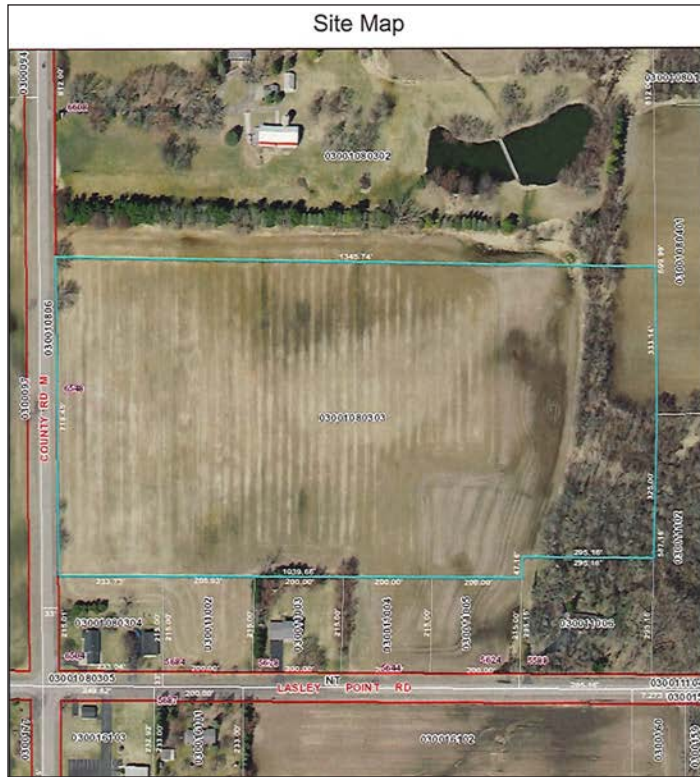
Placement of the mobile support structure will improve coverage in the township and beyond, facilitating 911 calls, improve voice and data service, and better assist remote learning for area school districts.

Prior to coming before the full board, the town's plan commission did hold a public hearing on the tower's placement, drawing nearly a dozen citizens with questions—mainly concerned with its close proximity to homes. Mark Schaeve, the authorized agent for the Towers LLC indicated that wetlands, floodplains and powerlines factored into the ultimate location of the tower.

Others inquired about the tower's setback from County Rd. M, which

Zoning Administrator Katie Harter indicated would be 136.8' of setback. Fire Chief Kevin Allcox had no concerns other than requesting the access driveway be moved to the south so that it is straighter for fire apparatus if the department needed to respond to an emergency.

Schaeve indicates the tower will be installed late in 2025.



ADRC caregiver event

A free dementia caregiver event is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 14 at the Culver Family Welcome Center at UW-Oshkosh.

Join other caregivers to hear speaker Sheri Fairman of Dementia Solutions, LLC, browse resource tables, hear from a caregiver panel on how the

dementia journey has impacted their lives, and engage in a virtual dementia tour—helping caregivers experience what it feels like to have dementia.

Free lunch will be provided along with respite care as needed. Please call 877-866-2372 to register. Registration is required.

Community Calender

Thursday, Nov. 7: 10:30 am - Strong Bodies/Senior Ctr. 3 pm - Bingo/Senior Ctr. 4 pm- 8th grade boys BB @ Berlin; 7th grade, Home/Berlin. 5:30 pm - Beautification Comm. Mtg./Municipal Ctr. 6 pm - Volleyball Banquet. 7 pm - 101 Dalmatians Kids Musical/WCAC.

Friday, Nov. 8: Football Playoffs/TBD. 7 pm - 101 Dalmatians Kids Musical/WCAC.

Saturday, Nov. 9: 8 am- Debate Tournament/WHS. 7 pm - 101 Dalmatians Kids Musical/WCAC.

Sunday, Nov. 10: Worship at the Church of Your Choice. 2 pm - 101 Dalmatians Kids Musical/WCAC.

Monday, Nov. 11: VETERANS DAY. Girls and Boys Hockey-1st Day of Practice. Powerlifting-1st Day of Practice. 10:30 am - Veterans Day Ceremony/WCAC. 11 am - Public Works Mtg./Municipal Ctr. 4 pm - 8th grade boys BB, Home/Waupaca; 7th grade @ Waupaca. 4:30 pm - Public Safety Mtg./Municipal Ctr. 5:30 pm - Library Board Mtg./Municipal Ctr. 6:30 pm - Fire District Mtg./Fire Dept.

Tuesday, Nov. 12: 2 pm - Rummikub/Senior Ctr. 3 pm - Bean Bags/Senior Ctr. 5 pm - Wrestling Club Mtg.

Wednesday, Nov. 13: The News is OUT - Subscribe today @ winnecon-

nenews.com. 9:30 am - Craft/Senior Ctr. 3:30 pm - Parks Mtg./Municipal Ctr.

Annual Meeting

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district projected a loss of 27 FTE students, but that number ultimately came in at 28. Based on declining enrollment, WCSD was allowed a hold harmless exemption of \$305,000.

Knapp also shared with those in attendance that the state's voucher program—taxpayer dollars utilized to allow students the ability to attend a participating private or religious school of their choice, tuition free—will cost WCSD taxpayers approximately \$392,459 for 2024-25, which came in below the \$410,000 estimated for its cost.

The approved levy and budget will result in a mill rate of 5.74, exacting a tax impact to property owners of \$574 for every \$100,000 in assessed value. This number, however, will be affected by a state provided school levy tax credit, which offers financial relief to property rich school districts and its taxpayers—of which Winneconne is one.

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District Administrator's Notes

By Dr. Margaret "Peggy" Larson, WCSB District Administrator



Larson

September and October have been bustling with activity! Congratulations to our athletic teams on completing their seasons, and good luck to those who are still competing—it's a special time for all of us! Behind the scenes, we've been just as busy with the 3rd Friday Count, our Annual Meeting, and the middle school renovation. Here's a quick overview of some of these important happenings:

3rd Friday Count

The 3rd Friday Count is essential as it determines our revenue limit, setting the amount of revenue we can raise per child through state aid and local taxes. This process, which aims to limit property taxes, is primarily influenced by district enrollment. For the 2024-2025 school year, the maximum funding per resident student is \$11,325, reflecting the state's recent increase for low-spending districts. Though it's a welcome 3% boost, this increase hasn't kept pace with inflation.

Our resident enrollment has decreased by 28 students this year. This decline results from a smaller number of incoming 4K students compared to the graduating senior class, which aligns with state trends showing a lower birth rate. We currently have 341 students who open-enroll into our district and 66 who open-enroll out, contributing approximately \$2.5 million in additional

funding.

Highlights from Our Annual Meeting

Sixty-six percent of our budget is allocated to salaries and benefits—understandable for a "people-intensive" field like education. Our next largest expenditure is purchased services, which include transportation, followed by smaller allocations for supplies, capital equipment, and debt retirement. We also have 11% of our budget going to interfund transfers to support special education needs not fully covered by state aid.

Additionally, \$347,459 from local property taxes goes toward the voucher system for private school tuition. This year, 47% of school funding comes from state aid, with local taxpayers covering 53%, fluctuating yearly. You'll see a School Levy Tax Credit on your tax bill, which helps lower taxes but isn't directly tied to our school's funding. While our mill rate decreased from 6.58 to 5.74 this year, the average property value increased by 12%, balancing out the impact.

Middle School Renovation

Our middle school renovation is progressing well! If you drive by, you'll see exterior improvements and an updated playground. We're hoping to open our new kitchen/servery after the holidays. We will set up another community tour soon. It's shaping up to be a fantastic space!

If you have any questions about our school district, please feel free to reach out to me at (920) 582-5802 ext. 3141. Thank you for your ongoing support of education in our community.

Historical Society welcomes guest speaker, plans for upcoming holiday events

The word photography is derived from the Greek word "photos," meaning light, and "graphos" meaning, drawing. The word "photography" literally means "drawing with light".

This is just one of the interesting facts members and guests learned at a recent Winneconne Historical Society meeting featuring guest speaker Scott Jorgenson, president of the Omro Historical Society. Jorgenson is an independent historian of material culture, researching antique and vintage clothing for museums, auction houses, and private collectors around the world. His presentation "Remembering the Past" started with a brief history of photography, incorporating Winneconne photos in his examples of diverse types of photographs.

Jorgenson's presentation covered the

meaning of photography, showing the first photograph taken of a person. He explained how cameras worked from their beginning (early 1800s) up until today's technology.

Members of the audience brought personal photos for Jorgenson to analyze and give an estimate of age. He explained one of the ways to determine which decade a photo is from is by looking at hairstyles. Clothes are another key. However, clothes alone cannot give accurate dates. Jorgenson explained clothes were handmade and material was expensive, so unless you were wealthy, more than likely a man or a woman only had one good suit or dress, worn repeatedly for years. Having a photo taken in the early 1900s

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Runoff Concerns

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comes over the fenceline, Kleinschmit said there's nowhere for it to go and his field just has to accept it, leading to crop damage.

"You can paint a warm and fuzzy picture about birds and butterflies and that this grass that you're going to plant is going to make this soil just wonderful and permeable – it's BS. I know that in a heavy rain event the water is not going to go into the soil," he said.

Project manager Peter Murphy said the panels will take up about 10% of the fenced area when tilted and about 30% of the area when stowed completely flat during a major storm and are permeable underneath.

Kleinschmit argued that water doesn't work that way, using the example of pouring a bucket of water on a flat surface such as a table, noting there'd be a "river" on each side of the

surface and asked that a berm be constructed between the solar site and his field.

Murphy said OneEnergy has to get a DNR stormwater permit which provides oversight and said a berm is not preferable as it significantly affects the drainage.

"We try to design our sites so that the drainage is the same or improved and that has been the outcome of the projects that we've constructed so far," he said.

Kleinschmit and his wife continued to speak out against the project during the more than two-hour meeting.

"I could take you out there right now and show you pictures of where the water pools up on what is going to be your side of the fence and I know where the water goes," he said. "You're not going to convince me of it ever. That's why I urge whoever is in control of this mess that there is a failsafe involved because I am the one that is going to suffer."

Murphy offered to meet with Kleinschmit to come up with a solution and compensate him if there were to be any crop damage.

"I don't want crop damage," Kleinschmit replied. "I just want to farm and be left alone."

The Plan Commission discussed adding a condition to the permit that OneEnergy work with the neighboring landowner to come up with a mutually agreeable solution to runoff concerns.

Discussion also centered around whether OneEnergy needs to obtain approval from Winnebago County Land & Water to begin construction. Though Murphy said county approval isn't necessary due to Vinland having its own municipal code, the commission did not come to a consensus on the county's involvement in the project.

Another issue brought up at the meeting is the visual appeal of the solar panels, with a resident recommending

that a tree line be added around the site to cover the "eyesore" for neighbors.

Murphy said normally when a solar site is more than 350 feet from a neighboring property OneEnergy is not required to plant trees. In this case, the site is about 850 feet from the neighboring parcels to the north and east.

In addition, Murphy said adding trees would change the site plan and require the location to be moved farther north.

The Plan Commission tabled the permit application to give OneEnergy additional time to attempt to resolve the concerns.

Clerk Karen Brazee said the Town Board will take public comment on the proposed solar site at its meeting from 6:45 to 7 p.m. Nov. 11 before the permit is again considered by the Plan Commission at its Dec. 2 meeting. The Town Board is expected to issue the final decision at its meeting Dec. 9.

Workshop sessions offered for caregivers

A Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop will be held Mondays from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. for six weeks beginning Nov. 11 at the Fox Valley Technical College's Oshkosh Riverside Campus.

Presented through Winnebago County Public Health and Winnebago County ADRC, the free workshop helps caregivers meet their own needs while caring for a loved one. Whether that loved one lives with them or lives in a care facility, if they are distant caregivers or are helping a friend or neighbor.

The sessions help caregivers identify stress, manage difficult feelings due to losses, schedule changes, increased responsibilities, trying to manage work and caregiving. They also learn effective

communication tools and relaxation techniques.

For more information, contact Alisa Richetti at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County at 920-236-1227 or at arichetti@winnebagocountywi.gov.

Campus Corner

UW-Whitewater Scholarship Recipients: Butte Des Morts—Alex Gratton, College of Business and Economics Admissions Scholarship. Winneconne—Michael Brethouwer, Chancellor Scholars.

Lunch Menus

Advocap Lunch Menu

The people receiving meals are asked to contribute as much as they can toward the cost of the meal. Please call 920-517-0950 the day before for reservations.

Nov. 11-15

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Tues.: Cheeseburger, baked beans, apple, orange juice.

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Tues.: ES: Ravioli, goldfish crackers, green beans. MS: French bread pizza, goldfish crackers, winter blend veggies.

Wed.: ES: Hamburger, tri-taters, garden bar. MS: Rice bowl, broccoli, dinner roll.

Thurs.: ES: Chicken nuggets, buttered pasta, mixed veggies. MS: Grilled chicken sandwich, tri-taters, garden bar.

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New mobile speed awareness board purchased by Winneconne PD



Winneconne News

Chief Ben Sauriol with the new mobile speed awareness board.

The Winneconne Police Department has purchased a new speed awareness board.

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Besides its mobility, it also has the ability to collect speeds, and at what

times, so the police can better direct patrol efforts during peak violation times. The unit does not store license plates or identifying information of violators.

The unit should be in service this week. It will be situated initially on N. 9th Ave., then moved to Grant Street and to side roads. Feel free to request a temporary install in your neighborhood if you feel vehicle speed is an issue.

Lord of Lakes enjoys Fall Festival!



Lord of the Lakes church enjoyed a festive fall gathering on Saturday.

The gathering space was filled with over 30 beautiful raffle baskets, a silent auction, kids' activities and more, while the kitchen overflowed with chili with all the fixings along with beautiful homemade pies.

The afternoon featured a pie judging contest and the Winneconne High School polka band—with much dancing!

All proceeds from the successful afternoon will be used toward enhancing the audio/visual system in the sanctuary.



Historical Society

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was a special occasion, so the best of clothes were worn. It wasn't until the mid-1900s when the camera and film became more popular and affordable, that people took more photos and candid shots.

The Winneconne Historical Society plans to offer several special presentations in 2025. Watch for announcements in the Winneconne News, and

on Facebook.

The 2025 membership dues are now being collected. The cost is \$10 per person and your check can be mailed to WHS, PO BOX 171, Winneconne, WI 54986. Dues will also be collected during the society's bake sale at the Friends of the Library's Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 23. There will also be 2025 calendars filled with old photos of Winneconne for purchase along with books on Winneconne and jalapeño jelly.

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Sat.: 3:30 pm - Confession. 4 pm - Mass/Turkey collection for WAAC.

Sunday, Nov. 10: 10:30 am - Mass/Turkey collection for WAAC. Annual Mtg.

Mon.: 7:30 am - LOW w/Communion. 8:30 am - Rosary. 10 am - Musician Mtg. 5 pm - CAM Mtg. 6 pm - Chosen/Kaudy Hall.

Tues.: 1:30 pm- BS Catholicism. 4:30 pm - Stewardship Mtg.

Wed.: 7:30 am - LOW w/Communion. 3:10 pm - FF, ES. 6:30 pm - FF, HS.

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Lord of the Lakes (ELCA) Church
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Pastor Kevin Heffernan
 Thurs: 8:30 am - Bible Study. 4 pm - Buildings & Grounds Mtg.

Sunday, Nov. 10: 8 & 10 am - Worship with Congregational Budget Mtg. between services.

Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.

Tues.: 9 am - Busy Hands.

Wed.: 5 pm - Acabellas. 6 pm - Youth Group and Choir.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Pastor Darin Warnecke

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Thurs.: 9:30 am - Bible Study. 1 pm-

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Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship.

Sunday, Nov. 10: 8 & 10:30 am 9 Worship, late service w/contemporary music. 9:10 am - Family Bible Study. 11:30 pm - Chili & pie cookoff.

Mon.: 6 pm - Contemporary Music Practice.

Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters. 6 pm - Fellowship Mtg. 7 pm - Educational Mtg.

Wed.: 7:30 am - Elders Mtg. 6:30 pm - Catechism Study.

Grace Lutheran Church

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Pastor Mark Laatsch

Sunday, Nov. 10: 9:30 am - Worship (streamed and in person). 10:45 am - Adult Forum.

Mon.: 9 am & 4 pm - Ruth's Pantry.

Wed.: 8:30 am- Sewing Circle. 5:30 pm - Service of Word/Gathering Space.

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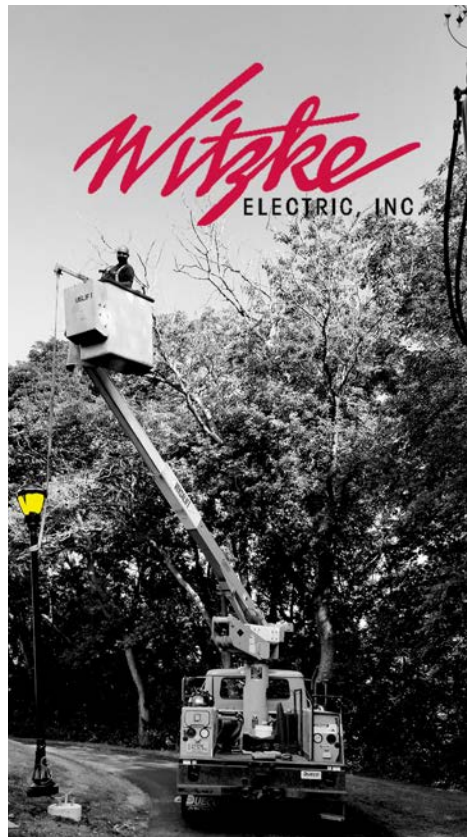
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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

Christmas morning for a month now

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter
Reach Matt at matt@winneconneconews.com

I remember running so fast that my legs came out from under me – my footie pajamas had those little grippy things worn right off – turning the corner in the race to be the first to wake Mom and Dad up on Christmas morning. With that wipeout, my younger brother



Harp

Mark got there first.

If only there remained that type of youthful excitement – well, for an outdoorsman or woman, that time is now, and it peaks for nearly a whole month. You don't have to take part in everything going on in the great outdoors, but the opportunities are there.

Last year I got a bit greedy and burned the candle at both ends, trying to duck, goose, and deer hunt the same days and weeks. What I found is that I ended up sucking at all of it. This year, the duck boat is in the water still, but I am focusing only on deer during the rut, which is pretty much right now.

If you're the archery deer type, there is a lot of deer movement right now in Winnebago and Waupaca counties. A quick tour through some Facebook feeds shows harvest after harvest. I've been seeing deer during the daylight, but nothing close enough to my set up. I'm hoping to connect with a buck this next week and make the change back to duck gear.

We've also found geese returning to a plowed-under field in the Appleton Airport area. There are a lot of new, migrating geese in the neighborhood. We've had to set up a little differently each day, but had success two of the three days we hunted.

Mr. Bluegill, Troy Peterson, is also being pulled in a couple directions and offered this report: "Walleye fishing has really picked up with the cooling wa-

ter. Vertical jigging with minnows near the mouth of the Wolf to Poygan and through Winneconne has been great in the morning. Schools of white bass have been moving through the river from Oshkosh all the way to Fremont. Casting or pulling fly rigs near the bridges or on the corners up in the Wolf has been working well. It will continue to get better as the water cools and the current picks up a little with some fall rains." I just saw a post from him also with a dandy buck harvested. Congratulations Troy.

Duck hunting has been slow, but now that we are out of that crazy bit of Indian summer, they should continue their migration across the state. Bigger flocks of mallards and diving ducks have been showing themselves and will offer good action in the coming weeks, right up to freeze up.

Now is also the time to get out to the range, sight in the rifles, and prepare for the gun deer season. Place or check stands, air out the blaze orange, and get things in order.

I would call the fall tree colors past peak, but it's still amazing to see the transition in the landscape. The warm weather has stalled my initiative to take the pontoon out of the water, but I suppose that should happen this week too. We usually take a color tour of the lake and burn the last of the gas out of the old gal.

The opportunities are just getting better as we head toward Thanksgiving. God willing, we might even have ice this winter and can wipe off two years' worth of dust on that equipment.

Tales From The Land of Retirement

Putting your best foot forward

By Jeanne Lehr
Reach Jeanne at genie6364@yahoo.com



Lehr

Who or what is your worst enemy? What's holding you back from living your life to the fullest? If you are busy pointing your finger at someone or something, you have three fingers pointing back at you.

We wish we could do this. We wish we could do that—but we simply don't have the capability or the time. These are all the great excuses we give ourselves while we sit around and do nothing.

My biggest flaw is my passion for procrastinating. I love to put off until tomorrow what could be done today. I have been putting off going back to the gym for ten months now. I have a membership. I have my shoes. I have my workout outfits. But I still haven't gone.

Funny how things come back to bite you in the butt. I won a three-month membership to Alpha Fitness recently. Since I already had a membership through my insurance, I gave it to my retired daughter. Big mistake. Now she wants a workout partner, and she wants it to be me.

Alpha is a really nice place by the way. All new machines and televisions all around. Good tunes are piped in, with a lot of friendly, familiar faces there.

So, what's not to love about going to the gym? No matter what your capabilities are, there is a program and a machine waiting for you—and a little bit of something is better than nothing. I have not come to terms with the early morning classes yet, but I hear the people holding them are awesome motivators.

Let's face it—there's only so much you can accomplish in your recliner, and we don't have to wait until January 1 to start fresh; we can do it now.

Your number one concern should be your health. Without good health you don't have much. We older folks need to keep our muscles strengthened and our bones from becoming brittle—we NEED to be able to get out of that recliner.

What else can I say to motivate you? Suffering a little is better than suffering a lot when your health declines. Don't listen to your worst enemy (you) and get doing the things you have put off. See you at the gym. This miserable person loves the company!

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Sports

Wolves ground Hawks to advance in playoffs

By Steve Clark

Brody Schaffer spearheaded a fierce ground attack while the Winneconne defense held Xavier to a season-low six points as the Wolves racked up a 22-6 win in a WIAA Division 4 Level 2 playoff game last Friday night.

Winneconne, which is the top seed in their portion of the bracket, advances to face Flyway Conference co-champion Mayville in a Level 3 playoff game at home on Friday night.

The Wolves are 1-3 in Level 3 games in their history with the one win coming in 2013 when they went on to win the program's lone state championship. The last time Winneconne made it past the second round was in 2015 when the Wolves lost to Omro in the Level 3 game.

Winneconne never trailed against the Hawks and took the lead when Schaffer scored on a 29-yard run in the first quarter, with Andrew Dorn's extra point giving the Wolves a 7-0 lead.

Schaffer finished with 141 yards on 21 carries – a whopping 6.7 per carry average – while also completing 8-of-11 passing for 110 yards. His 2-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Quigley in the second quarter answered Xavier's lone touchdown and gave the Wolves a 13-6 lead at halftime.

The Winneconne defense tallied the lone points in the third quarter with a safety before Schaffer capped the scor-

ing in the fourth quarter with 5-yard touchdown run.

Bryce Jones added 62 yards on 18

The Wolves will now turn their attention to the Cardinals, who enter the game with a 10-1 overall record and

utes left to preserve the win.

Running backs Joren Schlender and Sawyer Hardesty each had two touchdown runs against Berlin and have keyed the Cardinals offense all season.

Going into the game against Berlin, Hardesty had rushed for 1,003 yards and 12 touchdowns on the season, while Schlender had amassed 621 yards and 11 touchdowns, while averaging 8.6 yards per carry. Schlender was also the team's leading receiver and had three touchdown receptions on the season.

Mayville's quarterback Ryan Clark has thrown for 718 yards and eight touchdowns, but had attempted only 65 passes through 10 games.

The 26 points Mayville allowed against Berlin was the second most it had given up all season, behind only the 28 points surrendered to Cedar Grove-Belgium in the season-opener. The Cardinals held Berlin to just 118 yards rushing but the Indians threw for three touchdown passes.

The winner of Friday's game will face the winner of Freedom and Baldwin-Woodville in a state semifinal at a site to be determined. This Friday's Level 3 Playoff game will be streamed on the Radio Plus Video Broadcast YouTube Page. If attending, tickets are \$7 dollars for adults and students. No passes allowed.



Photo by Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Oliver McAloon ties up Xavier's Eli Mares to record a third-quarter safety during the Wolves' 22-6 win over the Hawks in a WIAA Division 4 Level 2 playoff game last Friday night.

carries, while Quigley led the team with four catches for 64 yards and the touchdown.

Oliver McAloon led the defense with eight tackles and was credited with the safety for Winneconne. Trey Zemke had seven tackles and Schaffer had an interception in the game.

were seeded second to the Wolves in the playoff bracket.

Mayville, whose lone loss this year was a 10-3 defeat to St. Mary's Springs in Week 8, comes into the game off a 28-26 win over Berlin. Mayville was able to stop Berlin's two-point conversion attempt with less than four min-

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Sports

Winneconne runners shine during state cross country meet



Winneconne senior Oliver Aberle leads a pack of runners during the boys Division 1 race on Saturday at the WIAA State Cross Country Meet on Saturday.

For the first time since 2018, Winneconne did not have a full team at the WIAA State Cross Country Meet.

But the program was still represented in fine fashion.

Hannah Yetter finished 52nd among a 152 runners in the Division 2 girls race, while Oliver Aberle was 50th and Grant Wenzelow took 66th in the field of 190 runners in the Division 1 boys race at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday.

"I think all three of them ran really well," Winneconne head coach Kraig Western said. "I don't know that I look at the place (the runners get). Ten or 15 seconds down there can be 20 spots. That's just the way it goes.

We look at what their product of work was all season long and what kind of paces they like to run and see if we can hit some of that."

Yetter, making her first appearance at the state meet, was in 90th place

after the first mile but passed a whopping 30 runners during her second mile to stand 60th. She continued to chip away at the field to earn her finishing spot, about six-tenths of a second off placing in the top 50.

"Being Hannah's first time, we just talked about executing a plan of what we wanted to do – go out strong in that first mile and then just run strong on the back half of the course. I thought she did that really well," Western said. "She even went out a little quicker than she had planned but toward the back half of the race she was still really strong. She was gaining on people in mile two, which has kind of been her (style) all season."

Aberle and Wenzelow were within three places of each other after the first mile, but weren't able to keep the same pace after that.

Aberle moved up 10 places in the second mile and then passed 18 runners in the final third of the race to finish 50th.

Wenzelow struggled a bit in the second mile

and was in 91st place at the two-mile mark but turned in an impressive finish to earn his place.

"For the boys we talked about trying to go out in 5-minutes, 5-seconds and they went out in 5:09 so they executed that plan really well," Western said. "Oliver ran the rest of the course really strong. Grant's second mile didn't go as well as he would have liked but he came back with a real strong third mile. I think Grant felt like he left a little bit on the table, but with that type of intensity in that kind of meet, everybody wants to run their best, everyone wants to have that perfect race and sometimes it just doesn't happen."

Western did confirm that the Winneconne boys will drop back down to Division 2 for the 2025 season.

Although the Wolves will lose Aberle from their lineup, he believes the



Winneconne sophomore Hannah Yetter runs down a small hill during the girls Division 2 race at the WIAA State Cross Country Meet on Saturday.

squad will once again have a chance to return to Wisconsin Rapids as a complete team.

"The silver lining in all of this is that next year our boys go back down to Division 2. As much as it kind of stings that we didn't get a chance to extend our streak of having state teams, we will be hungrier coming back next year," Western said. "Oliver is a massive loss for us. He's been such a consistent guy for us. He's been a huge part of the success we've had over the last four years. I told the guys that we can't replace someone like Oliver – we don't have that in our pipeline – but what we have to do is have the other guys work really hard and that's how you replace him."



Running with a large group of runners, Winneconne junior Grant Wenzelow keeps a strong pace during the boys Division 1 race at the WIAA State Cross Country Meet on Saturday.

Five golfers earn Academic All-State honors

Five members of the Winneconne girls golf team were recently awarded Academic All-State honors by the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin.

Lacey Stephans, Avery Rust, Addi Verkuilen, Jada Kaiser and Mia Rust were each recognized by the GCAW and were among the 470 students from 122 different high schools to be

honored.

In order to receive Academic All-State honors, a student must have a 3.25 grade point average or higher and compete in at least 75 percent of the team's varsity competitions during the season. The award is for sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Equestrian awards



Winneconne seniors Molly Otto (left) and Cassandra Kohanski were awarded the Aimee Thompson Memorial Scholarships at the state equestrian competition held in late October.



The Winneconne equestrian team finished third among nine teams in Division 2 at the state competition held in late October. Winneconne finished behind only Eau Claire Memorial/Fall Creek and Thorp in the final standings, edging Kettle Moraine by three points for the position. The Winneconne contingent at the competition consisted of (from left) coach Sarah Ackerman, Graycen Murray, Hayden Murray, Cassandra Kohanski, Aliyah Eckstein, Elyssa Heenan, Kat Skadahll and coach Tianna Howe. Not in the picture was Molly Otto.

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Obituaries

Janet M. Ticks

Janet M. Ticks, 97, of Winneconne, died Monday, October 28, 2024, at The Residence Assisted Living in Oshkosh. She was born September 1, 1927, to the late Gerald and Hilda (Schmude) Tritt.

For many years, Janet worked for Butch Quigley Construction, and she then went on her own doing smaller jobs like siding, fascia, and soffit work and an occasional roof or two during the summer months. She scaled down to passing the time working in her wood shop on many different projects. Janet, always independent, never really retired, she just kept working until she couldn't anymore.

Janet was an avid Milwaukee Braves and Brewers fan, listening to and watching the games while keeping a scorebook. She was fond of her breakfast with the girls at Jackie's Parkside, and enjoyed Friday night fish fries with an old fashioned. She bowled for many years on the Rice Pharmacy team, and liked going on casino trips, playing

cards, and watching her grandkid's softball and baseball games. Janet was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Omro.

Janet is survived by two daughters, Connie Ziebell, Kelly (Charles) Roland; grandchildren, Shawn Ziebell, Dan Spice, A.J. Ziebell (Sarah), Stephanie (Mike) Thompson, Bryce Roland; brothers, Berniel Tritt, Delroy Tritt; sisters, June Smith, Beverly Rehfeldt; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Along with her parents, Janet was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Mike Ziebell; brothers, Gerald Tritt, Sherden Tritt; and sisters, Elaine Collins, Carol Hinz, Arleta Tritt.

A visitation for family and friends was held on Saturday, November 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Omro. A funeral service was held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the church with Pastor Mark Wenzel officiating. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Poygan.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be es-

tablished.

Janet's family wishes to thank the staffs

of The Residence and St. Croix Hospice for the care and concern given to her.

Berniel L. Tritt

Berniel L. Tritt, 93, passed away at Aspire Senior Living in Oshkosh on Friday, November 1, 2024, following a battle with dementia. He was born to Gerald and Hilda (Schmude) Tritt on September 24, 1931. On December 1, 1951, he married Lorraine M. Brennand at St. Mary Catholic Church in Winneconne. They celebrated 68 years together until her passing in 2019.

Berniel left school at an early age to help Grandpa Schmude on his farm and then helped his father on the farm when he became ill. From there he began working for a local farmer and hauling milk, he often said the milk cans weighed more than he did. In the early '50s he served his country in the United States Army. After his service he began his career as a heavy equipment operator at Courtney & Plummer which became 4X Corporation and eventually Michel's Corporation. Berniel quickly acquired his career long nickname of "Termite". He was still helping out at Michel's in his 80's when they would ask him to cover someone's vacation time and load tucks in the local quarry. Over the years he lived in different places, but most were the 50 plus years in the Town of Vinland where he served on the volunteer fire department for 18 years. Berniel farmed there with the help of the boys until they left home. He was an avid deer hunter and bowler, enjoying both well into his 80's.

After retirement Berniel helped Lee with his rental business as maintenance man. Later he became part of the pit crew with Lee Tritt Motor Sports.

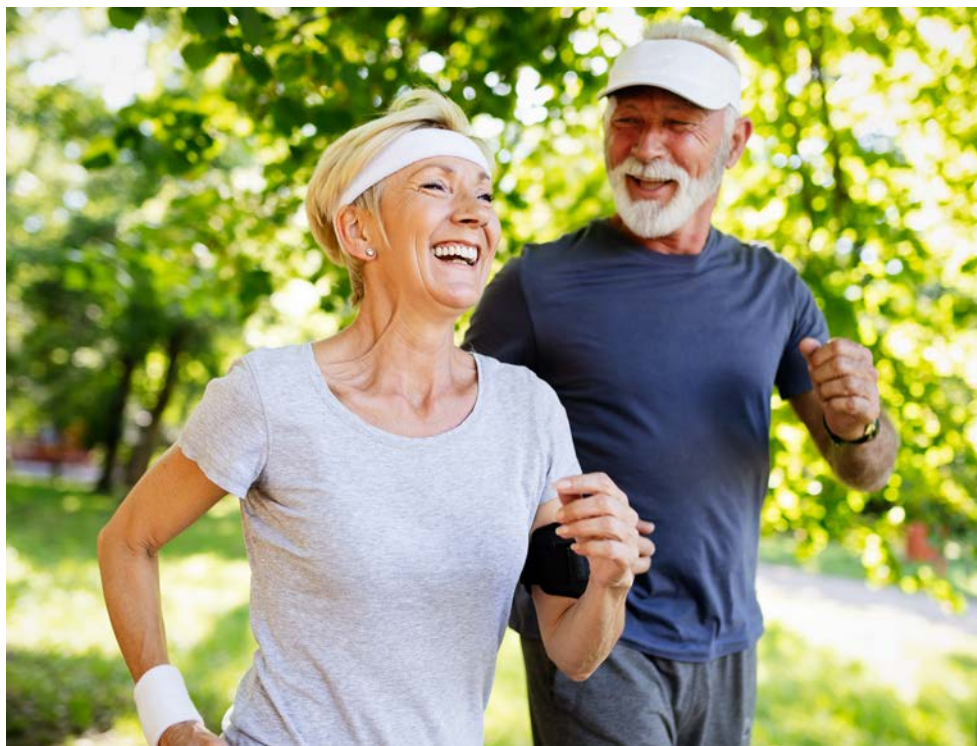
Berniel is survived by his two sons, Scott Tritt and Lee Tritt; grandson, Evan Tritt; step-granddaughter, Amanda Sytek; and two step-great-grandchildren, Bradley Tritt and Zach Sytek. He is further survived by two sisters, Beverly Rehfeldt and June Smith; one brother, Delroy "Del" Tritt; sister-in-law, Gwen Bartels; and brother-in-law, Lester Brennand.

Berniel was preceded in death by: his wife, Lorraine; parents, Gerald and Hilda Tritt; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lester and Catherine Brennand; sisters, Elaine Collins, Carol Hinz, Janet Ticks, and Arleta Tritt; brothers, Gerald Tritt and Sherden Tritt; sisters-in-law, Carol Brennand, Catherine DeWitt, Irene Brennand; brothers-in-law, Lloyd Collins, John Hinz, Edward Rehfeldt, Harry Smith, David Brennand, Vern DeWitt and James Bartels.

Berniel's family would like to thank the staff of AseraCare Hospice and Aspire of Oshkosh for their care over the last years.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Friday, November 8, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church 900 Geiger St. Neenah. A funeral Mass will be held on Friday at 12 noon at the church with Fr. Bob Kollath officiating. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Oshkosh.

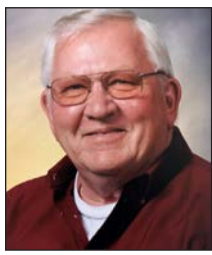
Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.



Obituaries

Raymond H. Zeinert

Raymond H. Zeinert, 86, of Larsen, died Saturday, November 2, 2024. He was



born in Larsen on February 20, 1938, to the Erwin and Nora (Breaker) Zeinert. On November 28, 1959, Ray married Sally Gutoski at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in New London. For over 40 years Ray worked at Pluswood later becoming International Paper, retiring as a maintenance foreman in 2002; enjoying 22 years of retirement. Ray enjoyed wood-working, golfing, playing cards, and fishing. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Winneconne.

Ray is survived by his wife of almost 65 years, Sally Zeinert; two sons, Randy (Heather) Zeinert, Joe (Dawn) Zeinert; a granddaughter, Morgan Zeinert; sisters and brothers, Doris Behm, Gordy Zeinert, Lee Zeinert, Lois Whitcomb, Herb

Zeinert, Bonnie Zeinert; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Preceding Ray in death were his parents, Erwin Zeinert and Nora Zeinert McKinley; two brothers and in-laws, Marvin and June Zeinert, Leonard "Red" and Phyllis Zeinert, Elnor Behm, Carrie Zeinert, Glen Zeinert, Art Eiden, Bob Whitcomb, Carol Zeinert; and other relatives and close friends.

Ray's family wishes to thank the staffs of Cherry Meadows Hospice, ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah, Fresenius Kidney Care-Neenah, and volunteer ride services for all the care and concern given to him.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Winneconne. A funeral Mass will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow in the Clayton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Ray's name may be made to Cherry Meadows Hospice in Appleton.

Thomas E. Keller

Thomas E. Keller, son of Jack and Ethel Keller, has died at 71. He was born on July 16, 1953.



Tom was taken by ambulance, from Tomah on Monday, October 21, 2024, to the Madison VA Hospital. It was discovered he had cancer throughout his system. He was placed in hospice on Friday, October 25 and died at 1:20 a.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024.

Tom graduated from Neenah High School, worked a stint at J. J. Keller, attended UW-Oshkosh studying biology and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army.

Preceding Tom in death were his parents. He is survived by two brothers, Robert

(Lynne) Keller, James (Rosanne) Keller; nieces and nephews: Marne (Alec Krivaka) Keller-Krivaka, Rustin (Christina) Keller, Rachael (Philip Graebel) Keller-Graebel, Adam (Teri) Keller, Brian (Meghan) Keller, Angela (Keller) Gillitzer; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Tom's family extends special thanks to his Tomah group home owner Shelly Trowbridge and his long-term caregiver Lynn Fox; and also, to the Madison VA hospital staff who took exceptional care of Tom during his week of failing health.

Tom will be laid to rest, next to his parents, at the Appleton Highland Memorial Park, after a private service and military honors.

Mueller Funeral Home- Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muel-lerfh.net.

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Public Notice

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING - WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Winneconne Community Arts Center
100 Wolf Run Winneconne WI 54986
October 7, 2024 – 6:30pm

call the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance

Board President, Donna Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Board Member Roll Call
Board Member Present- Stelzner, Verich, Keller, Peterson (Left at 7:15pm), Ackmann, Kunde, Hanson

Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum

District Administrator, Peggy Larson, Elementary Assistant Principal, Mike Meunier, Middle School Principal, Todd Schroeder, MS Assistant Principal, Carly Harvath, High School Principal, Leah Michaud, High School Assistant Principal, Dan Dobner Director of Technology, Dave Jerabek, Director of Learning, Peggy Mischler, Pupil Services Director, Laurin Dodd, Buildings and Grounds Director, Steve Cady

VISITORS: (See Visitor List on file)

Board President Hanson read a letter addressing the WCSD on behalf of our District and The Board. The letter read that the WCSD has a long-time standing tradition of excellence and has long been a cornerstone of our community. Fully appreciative of the concerns surrounding the recent Title IX revisions. Our Policies are designed with careful thought and collaboration, to reflect both legal requirements and core values of inclusivity and respect that define this district. Negativity has been both overwhelming and exhausting, it's time we made attempts to refocus our energy on supporting our students, staff and schools to assure all students receive the education and support they need to succeed.

Board President Hanson made mention of change to the posted agenda to move up Policy# 0.167.3

Public Comment at Board Meetings (Revised). Board Member Peterson did raise to question as to motion to amend listed agenda, there was no motion brought forward or second.

Policy # 0.167.3 Public Comment at Board Meetings

Policy Chairperson Kunde mentioned that the Policy Committee had met (Kunde, Ackmann, Peterson-Absent) and recommend this policy to be brought forward for approval. The changes brought forward to the policy are change from listing personal address to indicating, resident or non-resident, statement made by resident shall be limited to 3 minutes, change from 2 minutes, length of open public forum limited to one hour, unless extended by vote of the board
Motion made by Verich, seconded by Keller to approve Policy # 0.167.3 Public Comment at Board Meetings with the changes.

Roll call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

OPEN FORUM – Community residents spoke on concerns of the Title IX Policy- Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities, revisions of Policies as they come forward, student safety, and Future Listening Session, on Grading System, Forward Testing, Assessment and ELA & Reading (List of Community Members that spoke is on file)

OPEN SESSION 5. consent items:

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2024, Regular School Board Meeting
- B. District Checks #10015678 to #10015692 in the Amount of \$4,570,984.44
- C. Student Activity Checks #915449 to # 915461 in the Amount of \$44,432.43
- D. District ACH Payments \$70,635.02
- E. SA ACH Payments \$2058.44
- F. Credit Card Report \$38,489.22
- G. Acknowledge \$500 donation from Butte Des Morts Lions Club to

High School Football

H. Approve Hiring ES Custodian Effective 10/08/2024

I. Approve Hiring ES Custodian/Maintenance Effective 10/08/2024

J. Approve Hiring Dishwasher/Server Effective 10/15/2024

K. Approve Retirement of High School Science Teacher Effective 6/30/2025

L. Approve Spanish Department Trip Proposal (Costa Rica Summer of 2026)

M. Approve FFA Students to I am Conference- Stevens Point November 15-16, 2024

Motion by Kunde, second by Peterson to approve Consent Items A through M

Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye

Motion Approved: 7-0

6. Proposed Personal Communication Device (Cell Phones)

The Board received two letters from two WHS Students and their thoughts and feelings towards the Personal Communication Device Policy, as well High School Student spoke to the board supporting her reason for proposed changes to the policy. Board members said that under the advise-ment a review of the Device Policy may take place in the Semester.

7. Indicator 8 Survey

The Indicator Survey shows family engagement data for improving outcomes for children with disabilities. The percentage of change in the area of Welcoming Environment, Respectful Environment, and Supportive Environment showed substantial growth. It's very exciting to see the feeling of togetherness with the families and staff at WCSD.

8. Academic Support Teacher

This position was the former high school tutor position. This position will become a teacher contract position and ensure all at-risk students as well as students need additional tutoring that will be offered for the school year.

Motion made by Verich, second by Hanson to approve the Academic

Support Teacher, and that it will be a teacher contract.

Roll call: Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

9. Academic Support Teacher- Job Description

The updated job description for Academic Support Teacher, which had been High School Tutor was reviewed with the change as this position will be considered a teacher contract.

Motion by Kunde, seconded by Verich to approve the Academic Support Teacher Job Description as presented.

Roll call: Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

Board Member Peterson left Regular meeting 7:15pm

10. Policies

A. Policy # 0167.3- Public Comment at Board Meetings (Revised)-approved prior

B. Policy # 2131- Educational Outcome Goals and Expectations (revised)

C. Policy # 2340- District-Sponsored Trips (Revised)

D. Policy #8640- Transportation for Field and other District Sponsored Trips (Revised)

E. Policy# 3120.04-Employment of Substitutes (Revised)

F. 4120.04- Employment of Substitutes (Revised)

G. 2130.08-Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/ Extra Curricular Activities (Revised)

Motion by Verich, seconded by Keller to approve Policies B-G as presented with revisions

Roll call: Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 6-0

11. Administration Reports- (See updated reports on file)

12. Board Reports

A. Communications
Cards of Appreciation from WCSD personnel in the acknowledgement

of School Appreciation week were viewed by the Board Members. Card of Appreciation from Kari Salzieder Family in the loss of her father-in-law, Card of Appreciation from Teresa Formiller in the loss of her mother.

- B. Committee Reports
1. HR/Financial Planning- nothing at this time
 2. PR/marketing- nothing at this time
 3. Policy- Meeting after each Regular Meeting to review Policy

Executive Session

Motion made by Keller, second by Verich to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from September 16, 2024.

19.85 (1)(c) considering performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for continuing with the District Administrator Evaluation Process. 19.85(1) (f) Considering personal histories or repeated disciplinary data of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have substantial adverse effect upon the reputations of those discussed regarding a teacher and another employee resignation. The board will move into open session and may take action on items discussed in closed session.

Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Hanson-Aye. Motion approved: 6-0

Open Session

The Board moved back into open session at 8:45 pm

Motion made by Stelzner, second by Keller to adjourn meeting of the WCSD

Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde
WCSD- Board Clerk
8:50 pm

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Sports

Gun Sighting Opportunity

The Poygan Conservation Club is offering a sight-in day at its range for both members and non-members on November 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a \$5 fee for non-members.

The clubhouse will be open for warm up and restroom use. Water and soda are available for purchase. The club has shooting benches, lead bags, a spotting scope and ear protection for use while

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All safety and range rules are enforced. A member will be present to assist you and answer any questions about the club and membership. If you are looking for an outdoor range that is open all year, come check out the Poygan Conservation Club while you dial in your gun for deer season.

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Bowling

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October 25

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CJ Kapal	442, 174
Conner Stein	402, 147
Sophie Olson	396, 147
Cal Fuller	389, 138
Maddie Devens	379, 134
Maddie Biggar	360, 140
James Dunham	355, 124
Emma Loker	352, 127
Austin Kapal	320, 139
Jackson Krause	316, 113

Trinity Quinn	250, 91
Jayden Eckstein	248, 89
Crosby Kasten	244, 110
Lillie Schell	235, 92
Jagger Krause	167, 63
Kyle Kruse	128, 51
Monday Businessmen	
October 28	
1.Smelly B's	91-61
2.Houge's Bar	90-62
3.Woodeye's	82-70
4.Village Pub	80-72
5.Marble Park Lanes	73-79
6.Tiny's Sports Bar	68.5-83.5
7.Pro Basement Finishing	67-85

8.Talk of the Town	56.5-95.5
Team Results	
Houge's Bar def Pro Basement Finishing	13-6
Smelly B's def Marble Park Lanes	11-8
Pro Basement Finishing def Marble Park Lanes	11-8
Tiny's Sports Bar def Woodeye's	10-9
Individual Scoring	
Brent Potratz	715, 267, 226, 222, Jeff Berholtz 639, 221, 209, 209, Mason Stock 615, 230, Mike Elmer 613, 223, 212, Jake Fries 608, 256, Nate Rozek 262, 201, Ryan Lorenz 234, Bradley Potratz 231, Riley Petri-Rose 228, 203, Chad Strehlow 220, 205, Kurt Wolosek 216, 201, Mark Frierdich 204, 200, Chris Erdman 204

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING and SPECIAL TOWN ELECTOR MEETING			
Town of Vinland			
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 7:00 PM			
Notice is hereby given that the above meetings will be held consecutively in the Vinland Town Hall, located at 6085 County Road T, Oshkosh, WI; beginning at 7:00 pm			
The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection during office hours. The following is the summary of the proposed budget.			
The 2024 Budget and the Proposed 2025 Budget with percentage increase(decrease) follows:			
	2024 Budget	2025 Proposed Budget	% CHANGE
REVENUES:			
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES (LEVY)	\$ 549,828	\$ 556,137	1.15%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	\$ 383,402	\$ 257,863	-32.74%
LICENSES, FEES & PERMITS	\$ 33,000	\$ 71,000	115.15%
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 167,500	\$ 159,000	-5.07%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$ 12,500	\$ 20,000	60.00%
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 1,146,230	\$ 1,064,000	-7.17%
EXPENDITURES:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 271,800	\$ 248,800	-8.46%
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 135,000	\$ 167,500	24.07%
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 484,000	\$ 442,170	-8.64%
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 23,650	\$ 23,650	0.00%
CULTURE, RECREATION & EDUCATION	\$ 1,000	\$ -	-100.00%
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT	\$ 78,900	\$ 42,000	-46.77%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 32,000	\$ 20,000	-37.50%
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 119,880	\$ 119,880	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 1,146,230	\$ 1,064,000	-7.17%
TOTAL CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS	\$ -	\$ 380,820	Fire Truck Loan
Mill Rate (TAX PER \$1000)	2.15	1.44	
RESERVE ACCOUNTS:			
	Current		
CEMETERY RESERVE	\$ 12,500		
FIRE DEPARTMENT (2% DUES)	\$ 46,486		
GENERAL RESERVE	\$ 42,785		
PLANNING RESERVE	\$ 15,559		
FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE RESERVE	\$ 85,239		
ROAD MONEY CARRYOVER	\$ 7,403		
	\$ 209,972		
Karen Brazee, Clerk/Treasurer			
Posted 10/30; published 11/6			
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Public Information Meeting Notice Project ID: 6446-01-00T Wolf River, Apache Avenue Alder Creek Bridge P-70-0049 Winnebago County

The Town of Wolf River, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), is proposing to replace the Alder Creek bridge along Apache Avenue, located approximately 0.9 miles west of the intersection of Apache Avenue and County H in the Town of Wolf River, Winnebago County, WI. The proposed project would involve removing and replacing the existing bridge and reconstruction of the approaches to the bridge, as well as a section of streambank realignment.

Apache Avenue would be closed during construction and no detours would be posted as alternative routes are available. Access would be maintained for local residences and emergency vehicles. Construction is anticipated for the summer of 2026. Minimal real estate (less than 1 acre) is anticipated to be required to complete the project.

An in-person Public Involvement Meeting will be held on November 7 from 5:00-6:00 pm at the Town of Wolf River Town Hall, located at 8800 County Road II, Fremont, WI 54940. Project representatives will be available at that time to discuss the proposed project and address any questions or concerns. A Power Point presentation detailing the project will also be made available on the Town of Wolf River website from October 24 through December 7, 2024. The objective of this Public Outreach is to provide adjacent property owners, interested citizens, and public officials with an opportunity to comment on the design for this improvement.

The public is encouraged to view the proposed project details at the link below and submit any comments or concerns they may have.

Website: <https://townofwolfriver.com/>

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS FOR THE TOWN OF WINNECONNE, WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 21, 2024 immediately following completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed year 2025 budget, which begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Winneconne Town Hall, a special Town meeting of the electors, called by the Town Board pursuant to Section 60.12(1) (c) of Wisconsin Statutes, will be held for the following purposes:

To adopt the 2024 Town tax levy to be paid in 2025 pursuant to Section 60.10(1) (a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Clerk's office. The following is a summary of the proposed budget.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Amended 2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	Percent Change
REVENUES			
Balance on hand January 1	732,000	579,440	-20.8%
General Property Taxes	479,991	488,264	1.7
Intergovernmental Revenue	254,419	250,058	-0.1
Licenses & Permits	33,760	34,800	.03
Public Charges for Services	253,145	379,600	54.0
Proceeds from Grants	257,390		-100.0
Miscellaneous Revenue	84,173	37,000	-56.0
TOTAL REVENUES	1,363,500	1,189,722	-12.8
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	236,122	229,545	-0.03
Public Safety	167,827	253,155	33.0
Public Works	776,565	677,072	-12.8
Health & Human Service	3,700	4,200	13.5
Culture / Rec / Educ	3,972	5,750	44.7
Conserv & Development	21,314	20,000	-0.6
Capital Outlay	139,760		-100.0
Misc. Fin / Contingency	14,241		52.5
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,363,500	1,189,722	-12.8
Town Tax Rate	.00095481	.000952235	
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TOWN OF WOLF RIVER

WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR TOWN OF WOLF RIVER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, November 18 2024 at 6:15 p.m. at the Wolf River Town Hall, 8800 County Road II, Fremont, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET of the Town of Wolf River in Winnebago County will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Town Hall and online and the town website. The summary of the proposed budget is sent for posting at the Fremont Post Office.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF WOLF RIVER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, November 18, 2024, at approximately 6:45 p.m., a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING of the electors called pursuant to Section 60.12(1)(b) of Wisconsin Statutes by the Town Board for the following purposes will be held:

TO SET THE 2024 TOWN TAX LEVY to be paid in 2025 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Statutes.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

REVENUES	Current 2024	PROPOSED 2025	% change
General Taxes	424,561	428,404	.90%
Other Taxes	4,000	4,000	
Special Charges - garbage	225,000	185,000	
Intergovernmental Revenues	160,656	214,003	
License and Permits	35,020	43,475	
Public Charges for Services	3,500	3,500	
Intergovernmental Charges	20	0	
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,500	5,500	
TOTAL REVENUES:	855,237	883,882	3.35%
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	134,050	124,300	
Public Safety	116,500	123,000	
Health and Human Services	4,400	3,900	
Culture, Recreation, Education	7,500	6,000	
Capital Outlay	0	0	
Conservation and Development	21,600	21,850	
Public Works - Highways	326,687	385,450	
Public Works - garbage	225,000	190,000	
New CD's	20,000	19,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	855,237	883,882	3.35%

MIL RATE: (2024) 424,561/233,823,650 = 1.816 (taxes) (assessed value)
2025 428,404/236,294,000 = 1.81 (taxes) (assessed value)

Town of Wolf River Board Meeting:
Monday, November 18, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Wolf River Town Hall
8800 County Road II, Fremont

Dated: October 28, 2024
Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk
Published Nov. 6, 2024
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William Brandl	\$100 Mineshaft Gift Card	Oshkosh
Tom Ellis	\$100 Mineshaft Gift Card	Omro
Thomas Skinner	\$50 Reimer Jeweler's Gift Card	Oshkosh
Gary Garbe	\$50 Reimer Jeweler's Gift Card	Oshkosh
David Spanbauer	\$50 TJ Harbor Gift Card	Oshkosh
Den Sloan	\$50 House of Flowers Gift Card	Neenah
Jo Kurth	\$25 Fox River Brewing Gift Card	Neenah
Lynn Rellman	\$25 Kitz and Pfeil Gift Card	Oshkosh
Frank Jennerjohn	\$25 Fox River Brewing Gift Card	Omro
Bob Hergert	\$25 Kitz and Pfeil Gift Card	Oshkosh

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